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SUBJECT: CCD: WESTERN GROUP VIEWS ON HOLDING CCD INFORMAL
MEETINGS ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS

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1. DURING CCD WESTERN GROUP MEETING, JULY 11, U.S. REP
(FISHER) SOUGHT ALLIED VIEWS ON SOVIET PROPOSAL TO HOLD A
WEEK OF CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER SESSION TO
DISCUSS NEW TYPES AND NEW SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION (MDW) (PARA. 4, REFTEL).

2. NO DELEGATION EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM FOR SCHEDULING SUCH
INFORMALS THIS SESSION AND ALL AGREED THAT THE COMMITMENT
TO KEEP THE ISSUE "UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW," CONTAINED IN
THE 32ND UNGA WESTERN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT
(A/32/189B), HAD BEEN ADEQUATELY FULFILLED DURING THE CCD
INFORMALS HELD THIS SPRING. IT WAS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT
LITTLE OR NO SUBSTANTIVE WORK ON PRIORITY ISSUES AWAITED
THE CCD THIS SESSION AND THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, THERE-
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FORE, TO OPPOSE SUCH INFORMALS SHOULD THE SOVIETS INSIST
ON THEM.

3. IN USDEL CONSULTATIONS JULY 12 AND 13 WITH MEMBERS OF
THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF FIFTEEN ON THE SCHEDULE OF
INFORMALS (SEPTTEL), ONLY ONE DELEGATION, INDIA, EXPRESSED
SUPPORT FOR HOLDING INFORMALS ON NEW MDW. HOWEVER, MOST

DELEGATIONS FELT AS OUR WESTERN ALLIES DID, THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE THEM IF SOVIETS INSISTED.

4. IN VIEW OF THE DEARTH OF SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE CURRENT CCD SESSION, HOLDING INFORMALS ON MDW ONLY MIGHT GIVE UNDUE PROMINENCE TO THAT SUBJECT. THE MAJORITY OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO BE RESIGNED TO FACING SOVIET AND EE ORATORY ON MDW. THE UKDEL ALSO THINKS--AND THE US REP AGREES--THAT NOT OPPOSING MDW INFORMALS IN CCD MAY EASE THE PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH THE ISSUE AT UNGA. IN ANY EVENT, THE USDEL WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ACTIVE US PARTICIPATION IN SUCH INFORMALS.

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